

SCHOOL CHILDREN
TO ENTER CONTEST

Write Prize Essays for Fourth
Liberty Loan

The state-wide essay contest in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive is attracting considerable attention among the school children of the state. The subject chosen for the youthful writers is "My Liberty Loan and I," and it is hoped that a large proportion of the 270,000 grade and high school pupils in the state who are eligible will take part in this interesting competition.

Pupils of the third and fourth grades will write not more than 200 words; fifth and sixth grades, not more than 400 words; seventh and eighth grades and high schools, not more than 1000 words. Each teacher will select the best essay in her room. Each principal will select the best essays in her building, one from each competing grade. These will be sent to the county superintendent, who will choose the best essay in each grade, ten in all, and forward them to Fred L. Boalt, chairman of the Essay Contest Section, Room 203, Northwest Bank Building, Portland, where the 370 essays submitted will be again read and one from each grade will be selected as worthy of a prize, which will be a gold medal. But each of the ten young people in each county whose essays are deemed of enough excellence by their county superintendent to be sent to state headquarters will receive a special pin in recognition of their efforts.

All papers should be in the hands of the county superintendent not later than September 27.

Pupils of private and parochial schools are also eligible to enter this contest under the same terms.

The purpose of this contest is to encourage discussion of the Liberty Loan in the homes of Oregon. Pupils will not be permitted to receive any specific help from their teachers, but may obtain any assistance from their parents.

In any district where school has not opened the young people are particularly urged to write their essays.

LIBERTY BONDS BUILD TANKS



This is one of the light tanks which played such an important part in the recent allied drive on the Montdidier-Amiens front. Known in the British army as "Whippets", they are also in use by the French. No American communique has mentioned their use as yet.

The "whippet" is said to be able to outspeed and outmaneuver a man. Their greatest use has been in crushing the machine gun posts which the retreating Germans left behind to hold off pursuers. The enormous bag of prisoners was due to the "whippet's" ability to drive lanes through all obstacles, evade hostile artillery fire by their speed and maneuvering ability, and even force the surrender of artillery.

A large part of the Fourth Liberty Loan probably will be needed for the building of such land "destroyers".

SOLDIERS' LETTERS

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and it is more like a little kids play house. The French sell neither candy or tobacco, but they sure know what it is, as they are always after us to buy tobacco for them. The first word the kids learn to say is "good night, one cigarette for me."

About the biggest field of grain that I have seen over here was about five acres. The fences are either of stone or hedge. There are many nice

and to forward them to their county superintendent, having first written their names and addresses plainly on their manuscripts.

gardens and they sure believe in planting the vegetables thick.

Well, have to ring off for this time. This letter leaves me enjoying the best of health and I hope it reaches you the same.

With love to all, RUELL,
U. S. Naval Air Station,
Brest, France.

Home Boys Write from France

Fred Watkins has made it a weekly practice to write to some of the St. Helens soldier boys who are now serving in France or other foreign countries. Last week he received letters from three St. Helens boys.

Ben Copeland says: "It sure beats h—I how the Kaiser holds out, but

we are here for the finish and a finer bunch of men you never saw. When I read in the papers how the men are conducting themselves at the front, it makes my blood boil and my breast sticks out like a real fat pigeon."

"Stewart McKie is up at the front where the bombs and Croix de Guerres are thicker than bootleggers around an incoming Frisco steamer, but poor little Duke Wellington and I have to stay here and we hardly know a war is on until someone coming from the front tells us of it. At that, I am quite busy in the duties which have been assigned to me.

"The people over here, treat we fellows fine and everyone is your friend. An American soldier is welcomed in any of the French homes.

"Give my regards to all of my St. Helens friends and tell them we are going to stay here until the finish, and don't forget to write to me every now and then.

"Your friend,
"BEN COPELAND."

Lester Wellington writes from that he, also, wishes to be at the front. He says:

"Dear Fred:—I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you and St. Helens. Ben Copeland has just returned from a seven day pass, but I haven't been able to see him. In my last letter, I think I told you that Stewart McKie is not here now. I haven't heard from him since he left, but I know he is up near the front. Cecil Ross was also in our camp, but is not here now. Ben Copeland and myself are the only hard luck boys and it seems as though we were here for the duration of the war.

"They are doing lots of flying now, and I think that pretty soon, when the results are made public, the people will have no cause for complaint against the aero service.

"Is Oswald Deming married yet? I have looked for him to get married but he seems to have passed it up. He hasn't left the states yet, so there's still a chance of his getting through. If he does, I wish him the best of luck.

"Well, Fred, I have some important work to do, so must close for this time. Write to me often. I always enjoy the letters from home. Best regards to all of my St. Helens friends.

"L. E. WELLINGTON
"23 Aero Squadron,
"A. E. F., France."

Deer Island Boy in Big Drive

Mrs. Bert Seffert of Deer Island recently received a letter from her son, Bert, who is in France and doing his part in helping to drive the Huns back across the Rhine. The letter was dated August 2nd and read as follows:

Dear Mother:—It has been a long time since I wrote you and I hope you will pardon the delay. I have been a very busy soldier the last few weeks. I suppose you have read of the boys' little journey towards Germany. We took nearly 15 kilometers of 20 from the Fritz fellows without a great deal of trouble. A number of our boys were killed and a few wounded. We lost several of our best officers for which we are very sorry as they were all good officers and gentlemen of the highest order.

We went over at Fritz five times and took a large number of prisoners and many machine guns. Most of the resistance came from the machine guns. The bullets flew around like bees and it is a miracle that more of us were not hurt.

We are out resting now and we certainly needed the rest. Have been with the regiment nearly three months and I cannot remember of but one occasion when we had seven full nights to sleep in succession. Nearly two weeks prior to our drive, we did nothing but travel. Sometimes walking, sometimes on trucks. It is my belief that we would have done much better work if we had not been exhausted. Anyway, we have done what we could, which was a plenty.

The remainder of the letter was of a personal nature, but in closing his letter, Bert said that he hadn't been paid in almost four months and he was "almost" broke.

Young Seffert enlisted in the Washington state guard at the outbreak of the war and has been in France for some time. His address is Bert E. Seffert, Co. C., 16th Inf., A. E. F.

Heavy Work on the Firing Line

George Gore, who formerly practiced law in St. Helens, and later went to the officers school at the Presidio and received a commission as first lieutenant in the artillery, writes to his friend H. F. McCormick, that for the three weeks previous to the time the letter was written, he had been having a strenuous time. His battery had been at work constantly and it was something terrific. Lieutenant Gore has been appointed battery commander, which means that he is soon due for a captain's commission. He spoke of having new men in his battery every now and then, from which the inference is

drawn that the Hun shells are taking their toll, but the American boys, so the lieutenant says, send back their compliments with marked regularity.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard have received a number of interesting letters from their son, Sergeant Walden Dillard, who arrived in France in July. He reports that they had the pleasure of sinking a ship on the way over and that he has been at two famous battle fields, but since the battles, and also that his camp, although hardly started, has received a good deal of German artillery and machine guns already. At the last date of writing his company was equipped for active duty at the front and ready to advance, presumably to be attached to a heavy artillery company for salvage duty.

Corporal William Russell was down from Camp Lewis to spend the week end with friends and relatives here. He likes army life fine and soon expects to be transferred to an eastern army post. Incidentally, he is looking for another stripe which will make him a full fledged sergeant.

MISTAKES

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges time for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it's just what he wanted.

When a carpenter makes a mistake it's just what he expected, because the chances are ten to one he never learned his business.

When an electrician makes a mistake, he blames it on induction, because nobody knows what that is.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

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